

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 26, the Abstract, as follows:

A ~~gas delivery, evacuation and respiratory monitoring system~~ comprises a face mask having an inflow flapper valve, and a fresh-gas inflow tube, and an exhaust-gas outflow tube, and a gas sampling tube, a fresh gas source, and an exhaust-gas scavenging system, a fresh gas supply tube ~~operative coupling the fresh gas source and the face mask~~, an exhaust-gas hose operatively coupling the scavenging system and exhaust-gas outflow tube, a carbon-dioxide monitoring device, also known as and a capnograph and a carbon-dioxide sampling tube ~~operative coupling the capnograph and the exhaust gas sampling tube of the mask~~.